

Division of Health Service Regulation

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 3404551 MHL054-126	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/16/2024
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V 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>A complaint and follow up survey was completed on May 16, 2024. The complaint was unsubstantiated (intake #NC00216708). Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .1900 Psychiatric Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for 12 and has a current census of 10. The survey sample consisted of audits of 4 current clients.</p>	V 000		
V 315	<p>27G .1902 Psych. Res. Tx. Facility - Staff</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .1902 STAFF</p> <p>(a) Each facility shall be under the direction a physician board-eligible or certified in child psychiatry or a general psychiatrist with experience in the treatment of children and adolescents with mental illness.</p> <p>(b) At all times, at least two direct care staff members shall be present with every six children or adolescents in each residential unit.</p> <p>(c) If the PRTF is hospital based, staff shall be specifically assigned to this facility, with responsibilities separate from those performed on an acute medical unit or other residential units.</p> <p>(d) A psychiatrist shall provide weekly consultation to review medications with each child or adolescent admitted to the facility.</p> <p>(e) The PRTF shall provide 24 hour on-site coverage by a registered nurse.</p>	V 315	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED MAY 04 2024 DHSR-MH Licensure Sect</p>	

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Cameron Ford, PhD COO

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V 315	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to maintain an approved waiver of Rule 10A NCAC 27G .1902 (e) to ensure compliance with providing 24-hr onsite coverage by a registered nurse (RN).</p> <p>Review on 05/16/24 of Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) records for the facility revealed: - No current approval waiver of Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902 (e). - The last approved waiver for Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902 (e) was valid until December 31, 2022</p> <p>Review on 05/16/24 of an approval of waiver sent to the previous facility program Director and dated 03/25/22 revealed - "RE: Approval of Request for Renewal of Waiver of Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902 (e) for NOVA, Inc, [Sister] Facility, MHL-054-125, Oakwood Facility, MHL-054-126, [Sister] Facility, MHL-054-159, [Local] County...Pursuant to your request contained in your letter dated March 9, 2022, which was received March 9, 2022 and after review by our staff, I have determined that the request for waiver be approved for licensure year 2022. This is based on delegation of authority given to me by [Director], Director of the Division of Health Service Regulation, on April 23, 2018. Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902(e) provides, "[t]he PRTF shall provide 24 hour on-site coverage by a registered nurse." Renewal of the waiver will allow the facility to continue to utilize one RN position per shift to provide twenty-four hour on-site coverage for the three PRTF facilities that are in close proximity to each other. I hereby</p>	V 315		
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V 315	Continued From page 2 approve your request for renewal of waiver of Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902 (e) based on the following representations: The provider states, "... one RN per shift can effectively serve the facilities because they are on the same site and are in very close proximity to each other. From the central nursing office, located in Building C; it is 270 feet (90 yards) and 50 seconds to the [Sister] Facility; is 240 feet (80 yards) and 41 seconds to the Oakwood Facility, and it is 240 feet (80 yards) and 41 seconds to the [Sister] Facility." The provider also states that the RN is supported by other clinical staff both during the day and night. "During first shift ...other clinical staff ...include the Director who is an RN, the Nursing Director, two Licensed Therapists and at least five Qualified Professionals. Additionally, NOVA utilizes two LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurse) per day shift to assist the RNs with related duties." At night there are two Residential Services Supervisors, the Director of PRTF Services ...is also on call 24/7 to the facility. The Director of Nursing is always on call as well as a Qualified Professional. NOVA has a Psychiatrist and a MD on call 24/7 also." During 2021 there were complaint and follow-up surveys at the [Sister Facility] and Oakwood facilities. The deficiencies were related to client self governance policy and facility maintenance. None of the deficiencies were related to RN staffing. Despite the proximity of the facilities Division staff notes 1 RN is required to monitor 42 beds, which seems substantial. An authorizing letter from the Board of Directors "ensures that the health, safety and welfare of all consumers will not be threatened." [Previous], the Local Management Entity - Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) of the catchment area, supports approval of this waiver request. DHSR reported that there are no current sanctions against these facilities. In accordance	V 315		

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V 315	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>with 10A NCAC 27G .0813, the waiver of Rule 10A NCAC 27G.1902 (e) cannot exceed the expiration date of the 2022 license which is December 31, 2022; and, therefore shall be subject to renewal consideration upon the request of the licensee."</p> <p>- Signed by the previous Chief, Mental Health Licensure & Certification Section</p> <p>Review on 05/16/24 of a letter sent to North Carolina Division of Health and Human Services/DHSR dated 11/03/23 and signed by the facility President/Chief Executive officer revealed:</p> <p>- "To Whom It may Concern: The Governing Board of NOVA, Inc. authorizes the request for waiver from 10A NCAC 27G .1902 (e) to use one RN position per shift to provide onsite coverage for facilities (Oakwood, [Sister facility] and [Sister Facility]) regarding RN staffing. The board supports the request and assures that the health, safety, and welfare of the Consumers will not be threatened."</p> <p>- "Request for Waiver" for Oakwood Facility and 2 sister facilities.</p> <p>- "3. Rule Number and Title for Which Waiver is Sought 10A NCAC 27G .1902 staff (e) The PRTF shall provide 24-hour on-site coverage by a Registered Nurse.</p> <p>- 4 a/b. (Reason for request & nature and extent of request): NOVA, Inc.. is requesting a waiver from Rule 10A NCAC 27G .1902(e) for [Sister facility], Oakwood and [Sister facility] facilities (located on one site) to share one registered Nurse per shift t provide 24-hour onsite coverage. this waiver request appears to be consistent with the language of the rule in terms of the provision of RNs 'onsite' versus 'in each facility'.</p> <p>4 c. (Confirmation that the health, safety or welfare of clients will not be threatened): NOVA unequivocally assumes that the health, safety,</p>	V 315		
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V 315	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>and welfare of all consumers will not be threatened should this request be granted. NOVA has a waiver in effect for many years, since 2010 without compromise of the provided nursing services as evidence by multiple surveys that have not resulted in sanctions regarding the use of one RN. We further believe that one RN per shift can effectively serve the facilities because they are on the same site and are in very close proximity to each other. From the central nursing office, located in Building C; it is 270 feet (90 yards) and 50 seconds to the [Sister] Facility; is 240 feet (80 yards) and 41 seconds to the Oakwood Facility, and it is 240 feet (80 yards) and 41 seconds to the [Sister] Facility. During first shift (7 a.m.-7 p.m.), the RN is supported by the presence of several clinical staff to include a Nursing Director and Program Director who are both RNs, three Licensed Therapists and at least five Qualified Professionals. Additionally, NOVA utilizes two LPNs per day per shift to assist the RNs with related duties. Although we have a reduced number of clinical staff after 7 p.m., we have supports in place to assist the RN on duty. Aside from the presence of two Residential Services Supervisors, the Director of PRTF Services is an experienced mental health RN and is on call 24/7 to the facility. A second RN is on call at all times, as well as a Qualified Professional. NOVA has a Psychiatrist and MD (Medical Doctor) on call 24/7 also. Most of our consumers retire for bed by 9 p.m. and many of them choose to retire earlier. Our campus is generally calm and quiet throughout the second shift with little to be done by an RN.</p> <p>- 5. NOVA, Inc. requests that this waiver be granted for the 2024 calendar year."</p> <p>Interview on 05/16/24 the Licensed Practical Nurse stated:</p>	V 315		
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V 315	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She had worked at the facility since February 2021. - She usually worked at a sister facility. - She will occasionally work in the central building which covers both Oakwood Facility and a sister facility on the same campus. <p>Interview on the Chief Operating Officer stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The facility had created and sent in waivers to DHSR and the LME/MCO. - They had not had a response from the waiver submission. - The facilities have operated the same for several years. 	V 315		
V 736	<p>27G .0303(c) Facility and Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0303 LOCATION AND EXTERIOR REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(c) Each facility and its grounds shall be maintained in a safe, clean, attractive and orderly manner and shall be kept free from offensive odor.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility was not maintained in a clean, attractive and orderly manner. The findings are:</p> <p>Observation on 05/14/24 at approximately 11:15am revealed: D House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D3 bedroom had a broken electrical plate on the wall. The sheetrock was torn away from the wall. There was writing on the bedroom door. A baseball sized area of the top layer of sheetrock was peeled off the wall. - D2 bedroom had smudge marks on the walls of the bedroom and a white plastered area behind 	V 736		

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V 736	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>the door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Left side bathroom had the towel and soap dispenser removed from the wall which left screw holes in the sheetrock. The tub tile had dark areas of grout. - D4 bedroom had a black substance on the walls and an electrical device pulled away from the ceiling near the door. - D6 bedroom had a loose handle to the door. - The right side bathroom had dark grout areas on the tub tile. <p>E House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The living room area had 2 white patched areas approximately the size of a soccer ball. An irregular shaped white patched area next top the sink. An approximately 4 inch by 8 inch area of paint was peeled off the door facing on left side of hallway entrance. - E8 bedroom had 2 approximately 3inch by 6 inch areas of the top layer of sheetrock peeled away. - The left side bathroom had dark areas of grout on the tub tiles. - E7 bedroom had bits of trash on the shelf area. - E10 bedroom had bits of debris scattered on the floor. - E11 had 1 approximately basketball sized white patched area behind the door. A white patched area in the closet location approximately the size of a soccer ball. 2 softball sized white patched areas in the bedroom. - D12 had several various sized white parched areas on the walls. <p>Interview on 05/14/24 the Acting Program manager stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He would follow up on the electronic device hanging from the ceiling in building D. - The maintenance department is constantly 	V 736		

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V 736	Continued From page 7 repairing items in the facility. This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.	V 736		

Appendix 1-B: Plan of Correction Form

Plan of Correction

Please complete all requested information and email completed Plan of Correction form to:

Plans.Of.Correction@dhhs.nc.gov

Provider Name:	NOVA Behavioral Health	Phone:	919-920-7391
Provider Contact Person for follow-up:	██████████ Chief Operating Officer	Email:	cford@novanc.org
Address:	2002 Shackleford RD Kinston, NC 28504		
		Provider #	3404551

Finding	Corrective Action Steps	Responsible Party	Time Line
V315 27G .1902 Psych. Res. Tx. Facility - Staff	NOVA always takes steps to ensure that the PRTF has adequate nursing staffing to maintain the health and safety of the children we serve. ██████████ COO, will contact our home LME Trillium to request a waiver to 10A NCAC 27G .1902. We have been successful in receiving this waiver in past years ██████████ COO will communicate with Trillium, and request a waiver that will allow NOVA to staff all three facilities on NOVA's PRTF campus with 1 RN, minimally. Once the waiver is in place, ██████████ Director of Nursing will ensure that PRTF shall provide 24 hour on-site coverage by a registered nurse.	██████████ PhD, Chief Operating Officer ██████████ RN, Director of Nursing	Implementation Date: 6/15/24 Projected Completion Date: 7/15/2024
V 736 27G .0303(c) Facility and Grounds Maintenance	Chief Operating Officer, ██████████ will organize a list of repairs to be made in the facility and submit them to ██████████ Chief Facilities Officer, ██████████ work with the maintenance crew to address all issues listed in the statement of deficiencies. ██████████ will also ensure and document the completion of each maintenance project.	██████████ PhD, Chief Operating Officer ██████████ Chief Facilities Officer	Implementation Date: 6/3/24 Projected Completion Date: 6/15/24
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